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1938 ready money for her bravery, but she was so silly to spend so much upon it, but may be there is no worrying "tick" in her feathers. At the worst, she has only wasted water which she had honours earned. Presently a maid hailed a cab. The waterman, who had been nodding over his buckets with drooped head and legs, very much like those of the fagged, broken kneed backs to which he ministered, when at last he received the inattentively raised, when at last

single first-rate work, and is, consequently, a very

gray cope, and huddled legs and arms, and snoring slumber on the sunny box, but the fat fair who wanted something faster in every sense than the staid, stolid, sturdy and starchy old lady, fairly skipped into a Hansom. Daintily she closed the door with glove-fingers, a good deal whiter doubtless than the fingers they covered, gave her order, and the driver, with a flourish of his life-lifting wicker stick, disappeared. The old lady, with a sigh of everyday occurrence, and with a foreboding of the joys of the holiday, murmuring blessings very probably on "this emigration, which will drive me to the best of all positions of life, my mother-country and the colonies," turned to her Abigail. If things in this respect go on no longer as they are going at present, we shall have some colonial Misses, indubitably the imagination of the colonial days will be a thing of the past, and the holidays they might get in London. The opening Emigration offices in Melbourne and Sydney to supply the metropolises with servants.

"I'll go to the end of the continent and hunt for the best of the Great Northern," said the old lady, over the engine, like some meditative old rumbling smoker, waiting for each puff of vapour to vanish before it gave another, and the guard, who had been waiting for the train to start, came over the door of his van with as sullen an impatience as that with which a rueful of brown bull has peered between their bars. A dusty tramp, a shabby, shaggy, shaven-headed fellow, with a bundle on his back, stopped to drink at the fountain, and on the railway, first ruefully eyeing the announcement with which the station hoardings were placarded, "No

across the valley. Morgan has a very beautiful study of the many-hued glory of the American autumnal

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the fifteenth century, admirable in grouping, full of charming details, beautifully painted, but somewhat

In Aldergate-street I was accosted by a blandly and yet somewhat anxiously smiling foreigner, who called me "voord, breedstraait." I thought that it was Dutch, and replied that it did not speak to me. Again he painfully cracked "vood, breje, staait," with more deliberation, emphasis or emphasis, at last he said, "I am your man before. Again I shook my head, and again still smiling but in a tone of a man who thinks he is being trifled with, he slowly uttered, "vood, breedstraait." Last night I had a letter from him, offering to spend his Sunday with a friend in Woodbridge-street, and was enquiring his way to but where Woodbridge-street might be, I could tell us—indeed, he meant Woodbridge-Suffolk; He evidently spoke French, English and my continental conversation powers are limited to an asthmatic utterance of peculiar linguistic hotpotch indulged in by English men who "rend French, you know, with enjoyment but don't understand it." He said, "police-man—sergent de ville, you know—oui, ou he'll show you—comprenez—all right—*bon jour m'sieur*." Such were my lucid directions to

the same artist, resident in this city, where she is already favourably known by her admirable portraits

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Haanner, two charming groups of fruit; Miss Stolk, some exquisite flowers; Von Dorp, a large marine

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Scene, by Choulard; the turn of the "dressing

by smokily slumberous old dwelling-houses. The  
gray buildings of the Charter-house, and its fr











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PRINCE GORTCHAKOFF.

The Examiner gives the following sketch of the Russian Premier:— Prince Alexander Gortchakoff is at the present time the most prominent, and perhaps, on the whole, the most popular, man in Russia. His elevation was sudden, very sudden. His admirers are pleased to say that he was always a great man, marked out by nature for an illustrious and useful life; but ordinary persons, in the habit of looking closely at facts, do not consider that his promotion was due to any extraordinary merits of his own. The fact is that no sooner were the days of mourning for the late emperor ended than his successor, who had always been kept very tightly in hand during his father's life, felt an ardent longing for freedom and authority. He particularly disliked Count Nesselrode, who had often been the involuntary instrument of his father's severity; and, as soon as it was decent or possible, the greatest minister who ever guided the fortunes of Russia was summarily dismissed. The new Emperor at once set about undoing everything that had been done during the late reign. He amazed and alarmed his intimates by talking to them familiarly of the emancipation of the serf as a thing upon which he had so completely determined that further controversy on the subject was entirely needless. In vain some of the boldest urged upon the Czar's attention the apparent danger of a step which had daunted even the brave heart of his father; in vain some of the boldest generals threw themselves passionately at his feet, and besought his Majesty at least to wait till they were dead before he plunged the country into bloodshed and anarchy. In vain the nobility, and the usurers to whom they owed money, besieged the presence chamber with protests against their impending ruin. The Emperor, who is understood to have drunk a great deal of champagne at this period, paid no sort of attention to the fashionable remonstrances of that troubled time. His Majesty even went further, talked about free speech and free writing, and half promised a constitution. The old inhabitants of St. Petersburg and Moscow were astounded at the boldness of the pamphlets and caricatures which were openly exposed in the shop windows. The Ministers were freely attacked, their accounts with the Treasury questioned and censured, their dismissal demanded. The Czar himself fared no better than they, as he was sketched as a tipsy droschky driver, insensible, but jolly, on his box, while his brother, the Grand Duke Constantine, held the reins on the passenger seat behind, and seemed bent on gadding the wilfully galloping horses into mischief.

It is mere pretence. The Empress is one of those ladies who are not less powerful for keeping a great deal out of sight. She has been for some years an invalid, and does not love a crowd; but her authority is unimpaired. She is an excellent, fanatical, obstinate woman, of mild, persuasive manners, and appears much weaker of will than she is, for she resists whatever displeases her in a passive, but determined way. Both she and her favourite are entirely given over to the Church party, and are merely instruments in their hands. It is thus really the intrigues of a singularly superstitious and illiterate clergy that may be traced much of the trouble and bickering we have with Russia. The Empress spends money and honours indirectly to the majority of the population are unprepared. She is also worked upon by the crowds of pretended patriots, who have no object at all but to get money from her. She is accused even of having interfered in a vexatious female way with the fearful issues of the Sepoy revolt in India. Her agents certainly do more than she can comprehend or authorise; and they are a great deal too active in providing her and her sanctimonious courtiers with tea-table talk and indignation meetings. The Emperor himself does not take much part in the government of his subjects. When pushed to do a thing, he does it simply and at once. He does not court difficulties, and he is too unimaginative to foresee them. He lives in great intimacy with a few chosen associates, and is rather inclined to dislike any other business than that which reaches him in the form of news. He is affectionate and faithful in his friendships; having been on brotherly terms all his life with most of his habitual companions. It is a pity that they are such a trifling society of players. What with cards and gossip, they have little leisure for politics, and the subject is tabooed among them. It is not to be supposed from anything here said that Prince Gortchakoff is a cipher. That would be very far from the truth. Upon questions unconnected with Church affairs he may be considered the supreme ruler of nearly 80,000,000 of human beings. Except for a few places at St. Petersburg and Moscow, his clerical friends do not make any very great demands upon his patronage, and he is driven to none of the hard expedients which torment a British premier. He does practically just what he pleases; and he is fortunate for other nations besides the one he rules that it generally pleases him to do well.

LADIES' PETS.

(From the London Review.) It is almost impossible to enter society without encountering ladies' pets. The name is doubtless suggestive enough, yet it is liable to many misinterpretations. A lady's pet may mean anything. A dog, a bird, a horse, or a squirrel might be as easily understood by the term as a man. Yet it is certain that when we talk of ladies' pets, we mean nothing more nor less than men. There is a vast variety of ladies' pets. It is not to be disputed that there are some ladies who insist upon making pets of men worthier a better fate. We have nothing to do with them. The hapless man who is forced into being the recipient of the smiles and glances and signs of a general feminine partiality, is to be pitied, not despised. Those who know what he has to endure will feel for him. It is not as if he could help himself. He may have achieved a reputation for doing what he never even so much as meditated. He may be good-looking, without any desire that his looks should invite so penal a favouritism. He may have a becoming address, or walk neatly, or have a white hand, or a small foot, or prospects, or money. The steady purpose with which ladies insist upon petting him is dreadful. He unwittingly provokes his fate wherever he goes. We do not say that there are many such men. Yet few who know life well can have failed to detect their existence. They are admirable in a multitude of points. They have unconsciously committed the sin of being pleasing, and they have to expiate their error by enduring the petting of ladies. With these we have nothing to do. We repeat, that they are to be pitied, not despised. But the creature upon whom we have a few remarks to offer is of a very different kind. It is obvious that ladies are not silly enough to make pets of men who have not one single merit with which they can recommend themselves. Generally, however, it will take one a long time to discover what this merit is. This is only natural, considering that most often this merit happens to be a question of personal appearance, and tastes, we all know, are so curiously prone to differ. The most ordinary kind of ladies' pet is the individual to be met out at evening parties. A quick observer can detect him at a glance. There he stands, with his marvellously-parted hair, his immaculate necktie, which kept him such a dreary while before the looking-glass; a simpering smile upon his lips, the precursor of a flood of silly talk when occasion shall demand him to prove his right to connect himself with his kind by the exercise of his tongue. Watch him for a few moments after he has entered: he stands awhile looking around him, alternating his glances at the company with glances into the nearest mirror. Now he approaches the ladies in the nearest mirror. There is no difference in his address. There is a blue certainty of being delightedly received which animates his manner with a species of impudence truly commendable. By-and-by you will have some of these ladies tapping him with their fans. Wherever he goes he is greeted with parted lips disclosing shining teeth—false or natural. He considers he has a right to display that kind of frivolous officiousness which, in most men, would be resented as a liberty. He resembles a very bad sort of spoiled child. He has generally penetration enough, however, to know his friends from his foes. Some girls he would no more dare approach than a Channel pilot would approach the Goodwin Sands. If he strikes upon good sense he is helplessly shipwrecked. Ladies are very capricious in their choice of pets. Observers may remark that middle age, from the frequency of its selection, seems most preferable. A well-dyed man is not unfrequently found to be a pet. He may be in the army—a colonel. En passant, we may observe that the army yields more pets than any other pursuit. He may be married. But what of that? The wife of this kind of ladies' pet will generally be found a little weak-eyed woman, very suggestive of having a story attached to her, inclined to dismal emotional displays when her husband approaches her, and when she thinks people are looking. But she never interferes with him; and in justice to him it must be confessed that he very seldom seems to interfere with her. In spite of the proximity of his wife, his eyes will generally be found to possess a strange, anti-conjugal expression. He throws his head

back when he laughs, and is fond of whispering in ears—especially ears that overlook a full and feebly-clad neck and shoulders. His wife has a pet name for him, which he does not resent, and by which he is known amongst the ladies. He will be sometimes found old-fashioned in his manners. There is a kind of movement about him suggestive of those times when Bath and Tunbridge Wells were places of fashionable resort. He has a lively recollection of the "Rolliad," and can quote from it. He has known, or feigns to have known, men whose names are daily growing historical. This, though a tacit confession of his years, he never seems to consider from that point of view; yet it is certain that the deadliness of his colour, or his hair, or his face, is a reminder of his birthday. Time, however, is confessed in his way of dancing. He is perhaps the only man in the room who could walk a minuet. He elaborates the movements of a quadrille with singular solemnity; but when the figure is over, his lolling head, his blinking eyes, his moving lips, his crossed legs, his chain-dangling fingers, proclaim him to have relapsed into the demure and the language which have won for him the honourable and manly title of a ladies' pet.

Women are accountable for a great deal; if for nothing else, for having originated ladies' pets. Were it possible to be serious for a moment over such a subject, might not the origin of such a feminine creation be attributable to the antagonistic feeling which it seems the sex entertain against men? Shall we be considered idly philosophical if we perceive in the formation of ladies' pets the expression of the revolt against men which women are ever making, and which they conceive they can best carry out by degrading our sex to their utmost? We narrow their sphere of action; they cannot limit ours, but they make as many of its operators as absurd as they possibly can. There is not a single male creature who has been made a coxcomb through the admiration of women that we do not interpret into the expression of a protest against the ascendancy of our sex. It is a subtle philosophy, and we pay women a high compliment by conceiving them capable of planning and executing it. Whatever serves to make men ridiculous necessarily helps to lighten by comparison the character of women. Considered thus, ladies' pets will not be thought so contemptible as they may at first sight appear.

RAILWAY.

GREAT SOUTHERN, WESTERN, AND RICHMOND LINES.

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**TO PARTIES LEAVING THE COLONY.**—As many persons object to have a sale by auction at their residence, the undersigned offers the advantage of purchasing privately Household Furniture, Silver Plate, Pictures, and every description of property for sale, and giving the parties the use of them until they are ready to leave Sydney.

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